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City to conduct annual testing of sewer system

HARRISONBURG, Va. – The City of Harrisonburg’s Public Utilities Department will soon begin its annual testing of the sanitary sewer system.

The effort involves release of a non-toxic and non-staining test smoke into area manholes, which will travel through the sanitary sewer system. The purpose of this testing is to detect any breaks or leaks in the City’s system and make appropriate repairs, if necessary.

Testing will begin Monday and run through November. During this time, residents may notice smoke rising from manhole covers, yards where systems run, or even from their bathtubs, toilets or sinks. This year’s testing will take place in the following areas:

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| 1 st Street | Green Street | Old South High Street |
| 2 nd Street | Harris Street | Ott Street |
| 3 rd Street | Harrison Street | Park Place |
| 4 th Street | Hartman Drive | Park Avenue |
| 5 th Street | Hawkins Street | Park Circle |
| 6 th Street | Hearthstone Lane | Park Lawn Drive |
| Academy Street | North High Street | Patterson Street |
| Ashby Street | Highland Avenue | Paul Street |
| Bald Eagle Circle | Hill Street | Port Republic Road |
| Broad Street | Hillcrest Drive | Preston Drive |
| North Brook Avenue | Jefferson Street | Reservoir Street |
| South Brook Avenue | East Johnson Street | Rhianon Lane |
| West Bruce Street | West Johnson Street | Roberts Court |
| Campbell Street | Kelley Street | East Rock Street |
| Canterbury Court | Kenmore Street | Rockingham Drive |
| South Carlton Street | Kratzer Road | Roosevelt Street |
| Charles Street | Kyle Street | Shenandoah Avenue |
| Cherrybrook Drive | Lee Avenue | Simms Avenue |
| Chesapeake Avenue | Lendale Lane | South Avenue |
| Chestnut Drive | Leonard Court | Star Crest Drive |
| Chicago Avenue | North Liberty Street | Statton Street |
| Christy Lane | South Liberty Street | Sterling Street |
| Circle Drive | Lincoln Circle | Stonefield Court |
| Collicello Avenue | Logan Lane | Stoneleigh Drive |
| Commerce Street | Londonderry Court | Stuart Street |

Community Street	Long Avenue	Summerfield Drive
Court Square	Madison Street	Summit Street
Crescent Drive	South Main Street	Sumter Court
Dixie Avenue	Maplehurst Avenue	Sunny Acres Lane
South Dogwood Drive	East Market Street	Sunrise Avenue
Drake Lane	West Market Street	Suter Street
Edgelawn Drive	Maryland Avenue	Switchboard Road
Edom Road	North Mason Street	Tower Street
Effinger Street	South Mason Street	Viewmont Court
East Elizabeth Street	Massanutten Street	Vine Street
West Elizabeth Street	Meadowlark Drive	Virginia Avenue
Elmwood Drive	Martin Luther King Jr Way	Walker Street
Evergreen Drive	Moffett Terrace	Walnut Lane
East Fairview Avenue	Monroe Street	Warsaw Avenue
West Fairview Avenue	Monticello Avenue	East Washington Street
South Federal Street	Mountain View Drive	East Water Street
Fox Lane	Myers Avenue	West Water Street
Franklin Street	Myrtle Street	Waterman Drive
Garbers Church Road	New York Avenue	East Weaver Avenue
East Gay Street	Newman Avenue	West Weaver Avenue
West Gay Street	Neyland Drive	Wellington Drive
Glanzer Court	Noll Drive	West View Street
West Grace Street	Northfield Court	North Willow Street
Graham Street	Northglen Lane	South Willow Street
Grant Street	Norwood Street	East Wolfe Street
East Grattan Street	Ohio Avenue	West Wolfe Street
West Grattan Street	Old Furnace Road	

The city has a total of 190 miles of sewer lines and a section of those lines are tested each year.

Some smoke will be seen being released from rooftop plumbing vents, which is an indication of a properly installed plumbing system.

Tips for residents:

- Pour one gallon of water into the drain traps of floors, sinks, showers and tubs, which will prevent sewer gases or smoke from entering a home or business.
- If the non-toxic smoke enters a residence or business, this is a sign of a defect in the plumbing. When this occurs, there is no need to contact emergency services. Open a window or door for ventilation, note the location of the smoke, and contact a qualified plumber.
- Anyone with respiratory or cardiovascular conditions should not stay in a building where smoke has entered as a precautionary measure.

Anyone with questions may contact the Public Utilities Department at 540-434-9959.



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